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Rickets - Ringworm - &c

"This disease is known by a large head projecting forwards, swelling of the knees <sup>and bending of the</sup> ~~legs~~ <sup>tumid</sup> legs, belly, and a general wasting of other parts of the body."

It made its first appearance in Eng<sup>d</sup> in the year 1620. It was a common disease in the reign of Charles II. The deformity induced by <sup>it</sup> in the legs first introduced the use of boots to conceal that deformity. It is remarkable while dress induces some diseases, certain diseases induce certain dresses. Thus the plague induced led to hair powders - pimples to patches - Scrophula in the neck <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>multitude</sup> ~~to~~ cravat neckcloths, and bandy legs to the use of boots. ~~For~~ & It was for a long while confined exclusively to the children of the nobility and gentry. It now prevails almost exclusively



✓ Others ascribe it to a deficiency of Oil  
in the bones, and that too from a want  
of a sufficient quantity of Oil in the  
Aliment. ~~a new~~



among the Children of poor people.

It ~~follows~~ generally makes it appa-  
-rance according to Sydenham immediately after  
the Intermit fever. It likewise succeeds small  
pox, measles, & some Chronic diseases. Is it  
a fever misplac'd? - or translated to the  
bones? It is a rare disease at present com-  
-pared with former years? Is this owing  
to greater cleanliness - better diet, & warmer  
drefs - which have had similar effects in  
obviating the frequency of fevers from an  
impure Atmosphere?

The predisposition to this Disease is said  
to be occasioned by a defect of earthy matter  
in the bones. It is certain the Urine of  
persons who labour <sup>it</sup> Under contains more  
earth than is natural to it. V

It is said to be induced by placing Child-  
-ren



the room over this flat. The owner of the  
is here - here we find it among the  
children who of poor people's who are  
left to sit, or stand all day by their poor  
parents, and are seldom made to use their  
feet, or lips in shouting.

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1. But, and other things are to be seen in  
is attended with great personal excitement.  
a telephone - 3 lines. A house is built?  
a change of air. This will be the answer  
reporting if we suppose it to be a simple  
fun, and things from the atmosphere.  
In fact, the day is of an interesting  
the whole day with state of - how it is  
by presenting a challenge that the future of  
something new to the future of the  
house - so that it covers the subject



too soon on this feet. The reverse of this  
is true - hence we find it <sup>most common</sup> among ~~the~~  
Children ~~who of poor people, who~~ who are  
left to sit, or crawl all day by their poor  
parents, and are seldom made to use their  
feet, or legs in standing. —

The Remedies should be

1. Bleed: and other depleting remedies when it  
is attended with great morbid excitement.  
2. Chalybeates - 3 Bask, 4 tonic Aliment &  
a Change of Air. This will be the more ne-  
cessary if we suppose it to be a misplaced  
fever, and derived from the Atmosphere.

In Scotland, they cure it by anointing  
the whole body with <sup>fish</sup> Scate Oil - Does it act  
by preventing a discharge thro' the <sup>pores</sup> bones of  
something necessary to the texture of the  
bones -? or does it convey the suppressed



I present here all the <sup>distinct</sup> <sup>various</sup> states  
of fever <sup>as</sup> formerly mentioned. -  
- They have as many names as  
the nosologists have given us species  
of fever. - I shall consider them  
as an Unit diversified in <sup>or</sup> forms  
by situation, figure, & degree.



deficient oily matter in them. I am  
unable to answer these questions. —

I have never <sup>had</sup> seen but one case of  
this disease under my care. — I have often  
seen its effects in the deformity of the limbs  
in Scotland. —

### Of Cutaneous diseases & disorders

These complaints (so often neglected by  
Physicians) are highly important, & be-  
-cause they are often ~~also~~ connected  
with diseases of the whole body, & sometimes  
with parts essential to life in the first  
degree. &

2 Because ~~they~~ they are distressing to the  
persons affected by them, & offensive  
to their friends. &

Therefore I propose to treat of their  
different forms. I shall deliver the follow-  
ing



1 They are generally connected with the  
ground or the little mountain in the valley.

2 They are often connected with a water  
course of the kind as in the above case.

3 They are often connected with a small  
lake of the kind as in the above case.

4 They are often connected with a small  
lake of the kind as in the above case.

5 They are often connected with a small  
lake of the kind as in the above case.



eruptions. —

1 They are generally connected with too much or too little excitement in the whole system.

2 They are often connected with a vitiated state of the fluids as in the Venereal Disease, and perhaps the Scurvy.

3 They are often connected with a morbid state of the stomach, & alimentary canal.

— Putrid fish ~~often~~ in the stomach often induces a temporary ~~discrete~~ efflorescence ~~on the skin~~ — and an Acid in the stomach often induces chronic eruptions on the skin. —

4 They are sometimes wholly unconnected with the state of a whole or a part of the system, or the state of the fluids, as



They sometimes disappear when on the  
=men in preparing & return after  
parturition.



in the itch, and eruptions from local  
poisons. 5 DeBlanc says they are sometimes contagious.

6 They are <sup>principally</sup> ~~principally~~ <sup>hereditary</sup> family disease. V  
When disease affects the skin, it  
appears in the form of efflorescence. In this  
case it is temporary, except in the face. 2 in  
~~exfoliation~~ sores which effuse serum, 3 in  
sores which secrete matter - from which 4  
are formed Scabs. - The proximate cause of  
them all is for morbid Action, in the cuta-  
neous vessels or excretory glands. When they  
occur on the head, the <sup>places in which</sup> bulbs of the hair  
grow are affected by disease. For Cutaneous Eruptions

The Remedies should be careful-  
ly accommodated to all the above causes.

- Our first inquiry should be, whether  
they have succeeded, or Alternated with  
any general disease <sup>as the Gout,</sup> of the whole system.

- If they have, the Remedies should be  
directed to the Cure of that disease of



+ with these Remedies certain Diet Drinks have  
been found useful. The ~~best~~ <sup>best</sup> plethoric habits  
crude & boiled in water - a decoction of the woods,  
- &c have been found useful. They all act by  
promoting perspiration. In debilit<sup>d</sup> habits  
a decoction of perfolium, or Thoroughwort has  
performed great Cures. Dr Scurr says Oil &  
wine are excellent in such habits as a part  
of Diet. I have known Annis 50 of a 9<sup>th</sup> his Die.  
above all - ~~our revolutionary remedy~~ - a saliva?  
✓ or if ~~it~~ it has affected Old people

\* ~~Fact~~ The Difficulty of curing them  
arises chiefly from their affecting the  
Skin only. By diffusing them - we  
sometimes cure them. This is to be  
done by Vb. - strong purges & vomits, or  
Artif<sup>d</sup> Diarrhea - part of Leprosy in America.  
- and diuretics. Fact of sympathy  
of joints & kidneys.



which it is the Incep<sup>o</sup> or Attenuative.  
and these sh<sup>d</sup>: be depleting, or tonic according  
to the state of the system. A reg: diet, & an  
Animal diet has each cured it - so have  
purg<sup>s</sup>, and Bark & the Cold Bath according as  
the ~~system~~ disease which induced it has been  
attended, with great, or weak morbid excit<sup>o</sup>.

- If the disease of which it succeeds has  
been of long continuance, and has been  
seated in a part very essential to life  
as the <sup>brain</sup> head, or lungs - or to comfort, as  
the eyes & ears, <sup>the eruptions</sup> it should be approached  
with a trembling hand. Unless ~~very~~ in an  
exposed part of the body, they should not  
be touched, and if they are, air if possible  
sh<sup>d</sup> be substituted for them.

If the disease be connected with  
morbid acidity in the stomach, or any  
other symptom of dyspepsia, the Remedies







should first be directed to ~~and~~ remove  
them. An Emetic should begin the cure,  
and afterwards tonics. I have lately heard  
of cutaneous eruptions of an obstinate  
nature being cured by <sup>Dr. Lane recommends it in</sup> Veg: Alk. <sup>alone</sup> also by  
<sup>high doses, and this 2<sup>d</sup> visit</sup> Chalk - they both ~~emerge~~ act by destroying  
a morbid acid in the stomach. Mix<sup>2</sup> vit.  
<sup>has succeeded when all have failed</sup>

When the ~~same~~ eruptions are from  
a vitiated state of the fluids as in V Disease or  
perhaps Scurvy, the Remedies ~~formerly used~~  
for those diseases should be employed.

Even when the Eruptions are from local or  
external Irritants as Bites, for bites of Insects &c  
the state of the System should not be over-  
looked. They are I believe often <sup>by the common med.</sup> hard to cure, only  
from being accompanied with diseased action  
in the whole System.

In Eruptions from all its Causes,  
~~to the person~~ topical applications are proper,







(the cases formerly mentioned excepted) but they should be different according as they are attended with more <sup>or</sup> less pain; itching - or obvious inflammation.

1 In Cases of ~~the~~ <sup>such as have been mentioned</sup> ~~above~~ <sup>of</sup> excitement above ~~per~~ the Remedies should be 1 Cold ~~Hot~~ Water.  
2 ~~Lead~~ many eruptions have been cured by this remedy. It <sup>acts</sup> by promoting ~~Chambers~~ <sup>Chambers</sup>, as well as abating morbid action. 2 <sup>Warm</sup> ~~Hot~~ Water.  
3 <sup>Dr Deffenbacher knows nothing superior to it</sup> Lead Water. 3 Sweet Oil. 4 poultices of bread & milk.

Where the action is feeble, gentle Stimulants may be applied as 1 fasting Spittle. The Saliva of a Dog has performed great Cures by licking such eruptions. It is more active than the Saliva of other <sup>domestic</sup> animals, ~~from being~~ <sup>from being</sup> impregnated with ~~whats~~ <sup>whats</sup> ~~insupportable matter~~.  
has 3 Salt & water. a simple, cheap, but excellent remedy! 4 Prepare - by giving tone to the vessels, it prevents their pouring forth their



1 <sup>to be brot in under ulcers</sup> Vn. Picking plasters. <sup>to be brot in under ulcers</sup> Decoction of Walnut leaves also  
of Lobelia. and Digitalis.

3 ~~By~~ Holding a red hot iron to them, and af-  
-terwards covering them by plasters dipped in  
Decoction of Bark. ~~Loaffer~~.

4 ~~By~~ By dirty wool burnt under ~~the~~ a fore.  
The smoke is both active & corrosive. Dr Albion

5 ~~By~~ Lime water. 17 Salt dissolved in Urine.  
An Ulcer of 5 years standing was cured in Dyboer,  
-haave when a boy according to his Biographer  
Dr Hutchinsan. 16 fermenting poultice.

6 ~~By~~ Change of Climate. Dr Cleghorn says Sores  
heal with great difficulty in Minnesota, & they  
have often been observed to be retrograde in cold,  
dewy weather in hospitals. <sup>common from bad air in S. America - West India or etc</sup>  
7 ~~By~~ <sup>An easy means</sup> This ~~is a common case of~~ <sup>of</sup> Sores of all kinds &  
healed with great difficulty in those soldiers in  
the French Army who were dragged reluctantly  
from their families into the field.

18  $\neq$  Charcoal powdered w <sup>th</sup> hog lard, or water  
or Chalk  $\frac{ij}{\text{ss}}$  but Tart  $\frac{ij}{\text{ss}}$  w <sup>th</sup> water.

19 ~~By~~ Staves ~~are~~  $\frac{ss}{\text{ss}}$  Boiling water, and



morbid secretion excretions.

5 Equal parts of tar & hog lard.

6 An ointment prepared of verdigris & wax & Sweet oil.

7 ~~Ung<sup>o</sup> Citrinum~~ Ung<sup>m</sup>: Saturninum.

8 Com: Hazelwood: Remedy. viz: Citrus

Alum  $\frac{1}{2}$  Sulph $\frac{1}{2}$  Hog lard qd to make  
them an ointment. q  $\frac{1}{2}$  Hog lard  $\frac{1}{2}$  mfr

10 Ung<sup>m</sup> Citrinum of the Shop. —

11 Comas: Sub: q  $\frac{1}{2}$  & Ag: Zin mfr to be

applied to the parts affected. Afterwards  
the powder of Calomel every night.  
I have done more good with the <sup>two</sup>

last Remedies, than with all the rest.

12 Any Alkaline Bath. The matter discharged <sup>should be</sup>  
where they fail, the Article, and part  
destroyed by a Blister & part of the true  
skin by the Arsenical solution. Every

For Ulcers I refer you to Rec<sup>t</sup> of ~~Discharging~~  
Burns tam over.



Brandy of each half a pint.

15 Hellebore (white) Zin - or Zin water 3ro Brandy  
Tinct of Hellebore all: Zin and

• Burns

There has lately been a good deal of controversy  
upon the subject of the proper applications to  
recent burns. Turpentine, <sup>holding application of the part</sup> Ardent Spirits, and  
<sup>burned to the skin</sup> Cotton have lately become fashionable remedies  
in such cases. ~~For~~ They have done both good  
& harm according to the time in which they  
have been applied, and the extent of the burn.  
~~In recent~~ After the very burn there is  
~~some~~ debility, excitability and sometimes  
disorganization. now debility & excitab<sup>l</sup>  
from a burn, like debility and excitab<sup>l</sup> from  
a wound, or any other cause always invite  
violent action <sup>to the part thus affected,</sup> for ~~disturb~~ the body abhors  
debility, as Nature does a Vacuum. In a  
recent burn, before the system has time to  
rest, and to throw excitement into the



I shall make a few remarks upon <sup>some</sup> ~~several~~ of the different kinds of eruptions which require a specific treatment.

1 The prickly heat. It is a salutary disease in Summer & in sickly seasons, & should never be repelled. It is a remit fever on the skin.

2 Prurigo of Authors, or an itching of the skin. It is general, or partial. The general affects the arms & body. The partial, the palms of the hands - the soles of the feet - the anus - the <sup>& Vagina</sup> pudenda in females - & sometimes the glands penis in men. It is a distressing disease occasioning wakefulness, anxiety - fever, & a tendency to madness. The remedies for it are warm water - cold water - <sup>Infusion of Cort. Greni</sup> low diet,



✓ I have lately met with a case of this disease which resisted all the above remedies. — ~~It was~~ I advised a Blister near the part affected. On the day I directed it, a small boil arose on one of the labia pendenti which in a few days carried off the disease. —

==. affected part, Turpentine, ardent Spirits, and Cotton by their Stimulus obviate the debility and expend the ~~debility~~ <sup>excess</sup> excited induced by the virus, and thus prevent the attraction or determination of excrement, that is Inflamm<sup>n</sup> to it. The Cotton acts in two ways first by its <sup>mechanical & chemical</sup> ~~stimulus~~ <sup>being</sup> composed of little veg: spicula, and a bitterish quality, and 2<sup>ly</sup> by confining the heat of the part affected. <sup>Dr. Baileys discovery.</sup> Recent wounds are often kept from inflaming in the same ==.



purges & V.S. In the Itching of the female  
perineum V.S. <sup>or leeches</sup> ~~has~~ sometimes given in  
relief. After V.S. mercurial ointment, or  
Ung. Citrinum may be applied to the  
part affected. The Itching in  $\frac{1}{4}$  anus  
is sometimes a symptom of Gout in  
which case it sh<sup>d</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>be treated with caution.</sup> be cured. Dr

Lettsom mentions a Case of Death from  
an astringent remedy being applied to it.

- It sometimes occurs both in the  
Anus & Vagina from worms of the Ascaris  
-dis Species. - Injections of Tobacco are  
the proper remedies in such Cases.

Herpes - or Itches is a local  
disease confined to the hands - Arms  
less affect. All the above Remedies both  
general & local are proper in it. I  
have known this disease go of itself



= way, by pouring Wine, Spirits, and  
certain Balsams upon them, in con-  
=sequence of which they soon heal without  
pain, or much inflam<sup>n</sup>. — To even  
Contusions are prevented from inflam<sup>n</sup>.  
by dissipating by the similar means,  
that is rubbing the part injured with  
a dry hand, or by applying Vinegar &  
Salt to it. Electricity has sometimes had  
the same effect. They all act by restoring  
tone to the part injured, and dissipating  
its excitability. After Inflam<sup>n</sup>. has taken  
place from a bruise ~~and ulceration~~,  
all the above remedies to lessen by en-  
=creasing them. Unless they are applied in such  
force as to destroy the life of the part affected,  
in which case, they produce Ulcers, and  
sometimes Mortification. The Remedies after  
Inflam<sup>n</sup>. has begun — Shd be Cold Air — or Water —  
Lead Water — poultices of bread & milk — and  
mild Cerates. The Wing Strain. excellent.